Global Grid Forum

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Particle and Nuclear Physics Applications Research Group

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General Overview The Global Grid Forum (*GGF*)

- is a community-initiated forum of 5000+ individual researchers and practitioners working on distributed computing, or "grid" technologies.

- GGF's primary objective is to **promote and support the development, deployment, and implementation of Grid technologies and applications via the creation and documentation of "best practices" - technical   specifications, user experiences, and implementation guidelines.**

- http://www.gridforum.org/L_About/about.htm

- http://www.gridforum.org/DOCS-Presentations/GGFOverviewFeb2003.pdf

Structure

- GGF is managed by a Steering Group (GFSG), chaired by the GGF Chair.

- An external advisory committee (GFAC) provides long-term strategic input to the GGF chair and GFSG.

- GGF working groups and research groups are organized into "areas," each managed by two members of the GFSG (Area Directors).

- To manage the logistics of GGF's activities, GGF established a fully incorporated business entity, **GGF, Inc.**, in July 2001.

- In August 2001, GGF, Inc. applied for 501c3 (non-profit) status which is currently pending IRS approval.

- GGF structure is documented in " Structure: Areas, Working Groups, Research Groups ." GGF Governance is documented in " Management   and Governance ."

Process -How GGF works

- GGF meets 3 times per year at different locations (see Historical Information and Agendas for details on previous meetings)
- A GGF document process, modeled after the IETF's RFC series, is intended to document the work of the community and to facilitate the development of Grid standards:
- **GGF Document Series Process** GGF acknowledges the history and leadership of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) in establishing guidelines and procedures for community-driven standards and best practices.
- Global GF Working groups generally follow the procedures outlined in the following RFC's:
    - Bradner, S., "The Internet Standards Process- Revision 3," RFC 2026 , October 1996
    - Weinrib, A. and Postel, J., "IRTF Research Group Guidelines and Procedures", RFC 2014 , October 1996.
    - Bradner, S., "IETF Working Group Guidelines and Procedures", RFC 2418 ,   September 1998.
    - Postel, J. and Reynolds, J., "Instructions to RFC Authors", RFC 2223 , October 1997

GGF Intellectual Property Policy

- **Note Well:** All statements related to the activities of the GGF and addressed to the GGF are subject   to all provisions of Section 17 of GFD-C.1 (.pdf), which grants to the GGF and its participants certain licenses and rights in such statements.
- Such statements include verbal statements in GGF meetings, as well as written and electronic communications made at any time or place, which are addressed to: the GGF plenary session, any GGF working group or portion thereof, the GFSG, or any member thereof on behalf of the GFSG, the GFAC, or any member thereof on behalf of the GFAC, any GGF mailing list, including any working group or research group list, or any other list functioning under GGF auspices, the GFD Editor or the GWD process
- Statements made outside of a GGF meeting mailing list or other function, that are clearly not intended to be input to an GGF activity, group or function, are not subject to these provisions.

Excerpt from Section 17 of GFD-C.1 (.doc ,.pdf):

- *Where the GFSG knows of rights, or claimed   rights, the GGF secretariat shall attempt to obtain from the claimant of such rights, a written assurance that upon approval by the GFSG of   the relevant GGF document(s), any party will be able to obtain the right to implement, use and distribute the technology or works when implementing, using or distributing technology based upon the specific specification(s)   under openly specified, reasonable, non-discriminatory terms. The working group or research group proposing the use of the technology with respect to which the proprietary rights are claimed may assist the GGF secretariat in this effort. The results of this procedure shall not affect advancement   of document, except that the GFSG may defer approval where a delay may facilitate the obtaining of such assurances. The results will, however,   be recorded by the GGF Secretariat, and made available. The GFSG may also   direct that a summary of the results be included in any GFD published   containing the specification.* GGF Intellectual Property Policies are adapted from the IETF Intellectual Property Policies that support the Internet Standards Process .

- **Policy for GGF Mailing Lists** Mailing lists for working groups and research groups are intended for technical and organizational discussions specific to those groups. Any member of the mailing list may use the list for this purpose.

Y2003 - Bronze Sponsor Member Benefits
(PO in MMS)

- Three (3) annual Individual Memberships (total) inclusive of all Individual Membership privileges.

- The opportunity to display a company poster and white papers at each GGF Meeting.

- The opportunity to submit grid news and announcements for publication under "GGF Sponsor News" on the GGF Website

http://www.gridforum.org/L_WG/wg.htm

- GridFTP - Igor Mandrechencko WG Chair

- Site Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Requirements - Bob Cowles, Matt Crawford, Dane Skow WG Chairs/etc.

Other interests?

- Authorization Frameworks and Mechanisms- Markus Lorch

- Common Information Management - Glue Schema

- Area Directors are expected to spend <8hours a week;
- Executive Board are expected to spend <4-6 hours a week.

- Working group chairs.

Particle and Nuclear Physics Research Group

- Held BOF at GGF8 in Seattle.

- Approved, Sept 2003

- Proposed 1 day workshop at Frankfurt March 2004 GGF10